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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT BEIRUT 3029, SENT SECSTATE APR 7, 1976:

QUOTE S E C R E T BEIRUT 3029

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FOR SECRETARY FROM BROWN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KARAME AND SYRIAN INTERVENTION

1. KARAME TOLD FRENCH AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY, AS HE HAD EARLIER ME, THAT MASSIVE SYRIAN INTERVENTION AFTER ELECTION IS A MUST. THEREFORE, U.S. AND FRENCH SHOULD REMOVE THEIR OBJECTIONS TO THE MOVE.

2. KARAME SAID HE HAS SAID THIS ONLY TO FRENCH AND US. THIS IS, I THINK, TRUE WITH OTHER AMBASSADOR I'VE TALKED TO HE WAS MUCH MORE CAUTIOUS AND WARILY-WORDED.

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3. KARAME ENVISAGES A SHORT, DECISIVE ACTION AFTER WHICH MASS OF SYRIAN INTERVENTION WOULD WITHDRAW, LEAVING GARRISON FORCES BEHIND. HE DISMISSED IDEA THAT PALESTINIANS WOULD FIGHT, SAYING THEY HAVEN'T REASONS TO DO SO, AND COULD BE SHOVED BACK INTO THEIR CAMPS AND STRIPPED OF HEAVY ARMS.

4. THERE'S A LOT OF WISHFUL THINKING AROUND HERE. BROWN UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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